

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

**THADDEUS TAYLOR, *pro se*,**

**v.**

**C.A. No. 05- 118 T**

**A.T. WALL, Director, Rhode Island Department  
of Corrections, RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, and  
THERESA LANTZ, et al.**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Plaintiff Thaddeus Taylor, an inmate incarcerated at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections ("RIDOC"), filed an Amended Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Currently before the Court are several motions:

1. On July 25, 2005, plaintiff moved for permission to file written depositions. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 31. In the motion, plaintiff seeks to impose a twenty day limitation on responses and he seeks an opportunity for one "follow-up" of written depositions. Defendants have objected.

Upon consideration of the motion, of the objection, and of Fed.R.Civ.P. 31, plaintiff's motion is **DENIED**. First, this Court is unsure as to which defendants he seeks to depose by written questions. Currently, there are thirty-two named defendants. Second, permission from the Court to utilize Fed.R.Civ.P. 31 is generally not required, unless plaintiff is seeking to serve more than ten written depositions. If that is the case, plaintiff may re-file the motion and attempt to seek leave of the Court to conduct more than ten written depositions. Plaintiff should explain why more than ten written depositions are necessary. Third, no provision in Fed.R.Civ.P. 31 provides for a "follow-up" procedure that plaintiff seeks.

2. On July 28, 2005, plaintiff filed a motion to compel discovery with respect to a set of interrogatories that he propounded on defendant Wall and plaintiff also seeks sanctions. Plaintiff, however, failed to identify what he seeks answered and failed to identify what answers were deficient and why. Defendant has objected to the motion.

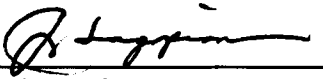
On August 2, 2005, plaintiff filed a similar motion, apparently seeking the same material. Again, however, plaintiff did not supply the Court with the pertinent portions of the discovery requests. Thus, this Court is unsure as to what precisely the plaintiff is seeking. Defendant objected to this motion to compel as well.

Upon consideration of the motions and of the objections, plaintiff's motions are

**DENIED.** The plaintiff may re-file the motions, along the pertinent portions of the discovery material, specifically identifying which interrogatory and/or request for production is deficient. Insofar as plaintiff's motions seek sanctions, said aspect of the motions is **DENIED.**

3. On August 15, 2005, plaintiff filed a motion for an Court order, disqualifying Patricia Coyne-Fague, Esq., from representing the defendants. In support of the motion, plaintiff avers that she will be called as a witness in this case. Defendants objected. After consideration of the motion and of the objection, plaintiff's motion to disqualify is **DENIED.** Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate any legitimate basis to disqualify defendants' counsel at this time.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Jacob Hagopian  
Senior United States Magistrate Judge  
August 24, 2005